

**Recycling and Refuse Management Committee
Meeting Notes from 9/18/08**

No quorum, no official action and no votes taken.

Present: Meg Vickery, Chair; Susan Waite, DPW Liaison; Marianne Lorenzelli; Lucy McMurrer; Sterling Bush, Transfer Station representative; Greg Keochakian, potential RRMCMember.

Styrofoam Ban

Draft of Styrofoam by-law distributed. Peter Vickery will look it over to make changes and revised version will be available at next meeting. Guilford will be needed to advise committee on next step for by-law. Perhaps Clare Bertrand would be an ad hoc advisor to find key people (Diana Stein? Gerry Weiss?) to help us since we no longer have our Select Board liaison (since Hwei-Ling Greeney's Select Board departure).

School Composting

The Composting Subcommittee has met twice and is moving forward on encouraging schools to compost. Both Marks Meadow and Wildwood do it now but onsite composting and building this into school curriculum would be great.

RRMCMembership

Greg and Sterling are interested in becoming members. The next step for both is to fill out Citizen Activity Forms and meet with Larry Shaffer. Sterling isn't sure if being a quarter-time/ad hoc employee of the Transfer Station will be a conflict of interest. Lucy will also call the Select Board Office to find out if Harvey Allen, Clare Bertrand, and Pat Church have submitted letters of resignation.

Transfer Station Update

Sterling said the Transfer Station's Styrofoam recycling is a huge success. It's not advertized and it's only been going on since January but local businesses and individuals have begun taking Styrofoam/packing materials. It was also mentioned that by 2010 several regional landfills are slated to be capped (So. Hadley and Northampton) – both used by Amherst residents.

New Business

Grant Applications

Susan mentioned that there's a Springfield MRF grant for \$1600 available. We need to come up with a proposal dealing with container/paper recycling by Oct. 31. Ideas for schools? Trailer to be used for downtown recycling? Susan will get grant information to us via email.

Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Amherst will be having a Hazardous Waste Collection Day at the Transfer Station on Oct. 4th for Amherst, Pelham, Shutesbury, and Leverett residents. Reservations must be made online by Oct. 1. For further information, call 259-3050, ext. 0.

Sustainable Energy Fair

Also on Oct. 4th will be the town's Sustainable Energy Fair from 10-4. The Composting Subcommittee will share a booth with the RRMC. Susan won't be present and because no town employee will be there, we will not be selling anything. Counter-top composters for free and samples of composters and recycling containers will be there, however. We need to contact Parks & Recs to ensure there are recycling bins around the Common for fair-goers. From 10-12 Meg & Clare will open up the booth, 12-2 are Marianne & Adrie (if possible), and from 2-4 Lucy & Sterling will close up.

Next committee meeting scheduled for October 9th at 4:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy McMurrer